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As we have already made known, the presence of police on campus for the last two days are making us feel vulnerable and threatened. The Joint Commissioner of Police had unexpectedly announced to the media that an investigation could be conducted on the campus premises within the next 24-48 hours, on the basis of some unsubstantiated complaints of narcotics usage on campus. We are wondering why such allegations are suddenly being made on the 42nd day of strike. We are certain that these are attempts to dilute the main issue at hand and an atmosphere of fear is being created by making it a law and order situation.

In the matter of the FIR filed against a few students by Mr. Sanjay Chandekar; though we firmly believe the FIR is based on faulty and false grounds, we extend full cooperation to the police towards their investigation.

Regarding the press conference held by Mr. Chandekar, along with another staff member and two Ex-employees, the StaFTII (staff association of FTII) has distanced itself from their statements by clearly stating that those two staff members are not the representatives of the association and such allegations were based on personal grievances and agendas.

These two incidents clearly point towards the repeated attempts at conspiracies to malign and tarnish the image of students as well as the institute and we are certain, more such baseless allegations will follow. We strongly feel that some elements in the authorities have started playing the age old textbook tactics of fabricating a law and order situation with the intention of closing down the institute.

Despite of all these false allegations, our most fundamental question still stands unanswered.

On what basis were Gajendra Chauhan, Anagha Ghaisas, Narendra Pathak, Rahul Solapurkar and Sailesh Gupta appointed in the FTII Society?

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